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ORDINANCE
OF THE
LORDS and COMMONS
Assembled in
PARLIAMENT:
FOR,
Enabling Commissioners in the
COUNTY OF
MIDDLESEX

To raise Forces both of Horse and Foot, and
to put the said County into a posture of defence,
with their names herein expressed.

Ioh. Brown, Cler. Parliamentorum.

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To wit: Forces both of Horse and Foot
against the said Country and a party of soldiers
which forces were then engaged

Robt. Brown, Clerk of the Parliament

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Die Mercurii, 2 Augusti, 1648.

BE it Ordained by the Lords
and Commons Assembled
in Parliament, That these
Persons following, *viz.*
Sir Gilbert Gerard, Sir Ed-
ward Barkham, Sir Rich-
ard Sprignell Barons;
Sir John Danvers, Sir William Roberts, Sir
John Hippesley, Sir James Harrington, Sir
John Thorouggood Knights, John Huxley,
John Morris, Richard Downton, and Daniell
Proctor Esquires, shall be, and are hereby
Ordained and appointed Commissioners for
the Militia of the County of Middlesex with-
out the late Lines of Communication, and
places mentioned in the Weekly Bills of

Mortality, for the better securing and safety of the Parliament and the said County ; and shall have Power and Authority , and are hereby authorized by themselves, or any five or more of them, to put that part of the said County into into a posture of defence ; and are hereby Authorized to raise out of the respective Townes, Townships, Parishes, Liberties, and places within the said County, other then in such places as are within the late Lines of Communication, and Weekly Bills of Mortality) such forces of Horse and Foot as they, or any five or more of them shall thinke fit, and them to List, Arme, and exercise, and to forme them into Regiments, Troops and Companies, and them to muster, array, and weapon from time to time in places fit for that purpose ; and to appoint over them Colonells, Captaines, and other Officers from time to time by Commissioners, under the hands and seales of the said Cominissioners, or any five or more of them as often as there shall be occasion in that behalfe ; and are Authorized by themselves or their said.

said Commanders to lead, conduct, and im-
 ploy the said persons arrayed and weaponed
 for the suppression of all Rebellions, and In-
 surrections that may happen within the said
 County, according as the said Commissioners
 or any five of them shall from time to time
 give directions; or shall be otherwise dire-
 cted by the Lords and Commons in Parlia-
 ment Assembled, or the Committee at *Der-*
by House, any former Order, Declaration, or
 other matter to the contrary in any wise not-
 withstanding: And if any of the said Forces
 either of Horse or Foot shall refuse, or neg-
 lect (upon summons from their respective
 Officers) to appeare with their Horse and
 Armes so charged upon them, at such times
 and places as they shall be required, or to
 send some able man with such Horse and
 Armes as shall be charged upon them, That
 then it shall and may be lawfull for the said
 Commissioners, or any five or more of them,
 to impose such Fine upon such Offenders as
 to them shall seeme meet; Provided it ex-
 ceed not the summe of five shillings *per diem*

upon him that shall finde a Foot Armes, and ten shillings *per diem* upon him that shall finde a Horie Armes, the said Fines to be leavied by Distresse (in case of refusall) and sale of their Goods, or to imprison their persons untill they conforme and pay such Fines.

And for the maintenance of the said Forces, it is hereby further Ordained by the said Lords and Commons Assembled in Parliament; That the said Commissioners, or any five or more of them shall have Power, and are hereby Authorized and required to lay an equall Rate, or Assessement upon the said County (other then on such places as are within the late Lines of Communication, and Weekely Bills of Mortality) not exceeding the summe of five hundred pounds *per mensem*; and to nominate and appoint Assessors, Collectors, and Treasurers of the said Monies, and to grant Warrant, or Warrants under the hands of any five or more of them to any Constable, or other Officer whatsoever, to leavie the said sums so to be assessed

fed and taxed by way of Distresse, and sale of the Goods of such as shall refuse or neglect to pay the same, together with reasonable charges of distreyning.

And it is further Ordained, That the said Treasurer, or Treasurers which shall be appointed by the said Commissioners shall issue forth, and pay such Monies as shall be paid to him or them by vertue of this Ordinance, in such sort and manner as the said Commissioners, or any five of them shall by Warrant or Warrants under their hands appoint and direct; and if any of the said Assessors or Collectors shall refuse the said service, or any Constable, Headborough, or other persons shall refuse to doe or execute any act, or service which shall be required by the said Commissioners, or any five of them in execution of this Ordinance, or prove negligent therein, the said Commissioners, or any five of them shall have power, and are hereby Authorized to commit such person to Prison, or to impose such Fine upon him or them as to them shall seeme meete, so as such Fine for
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any one offence exceed not ten pounds, or imprisonment twenty dayes, such Fines to be disposed for the uses aforesaid; and all Sheriffes, Justices of the Peace, Mayors, Bayliffes, Constables, and other Officers, are required to be ayding and assisting in the due execution of this Ordinance; for which the said Commissioners, and all and every the said persons, shall be saved and kept harmlesse and undempnified by Authority of Parliament; Provided, That this Ordinance and every thing therein contained, shall continue for the space of six Moneths and no longer.

Job. Brown, Cler. Parliamentorum.

FINIS.